House Study Bill 504 - Introduced

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| ВУ | (PROPOSED COMMITTEE ON |
| | HUMAN RESOURCES BILL BY |
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A BILL FOR

- 1 An Act relating to identity authentication requirements for
- 2 public assistance benefits.
- 3 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:

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- 1 Section 1. NEW SECTION. 239.1 Definitions.
- 2 As used in this chapter, unless the context otherwise
- 3 requires:
- 4 1. "Applicant" means an individual who is applying for
- 5 public assistance benefits in the state.
- 6 2. "Department" means the department of human services.
- 7 3. "Public assistance" means SNAP (the supplemental
- 8 nutrition assistance program), the Medicaid program, FIP (the
- 9 family investment program), and CHIP (the children's health
- 10 insurance program).
- 11 Sec. 2. NEW SECTION. 239.2 Identity authentication.
- 12 Unless otherwise prohibited by federal law or regulation,
- 13 prior to the department awarding public assistance benefits, an
- 14 applicant shall complete a computerized identity authentication
- 15 process to confirm the identity of the applicant. Identity
- 16 authentication shall be accomplished through a knowledge-based
- 17 questionnaire consisting of financial and personal questions.
- 18 The questionnaire shall contain questions tailored to assist
- 19 persons without a bank account or those who have poor access
- 20 to financial and banking services or who do not have an
- 21 established credit history. The questionnaire may be submitted
- 22 by the applicant online, in person, or via telephone.
- 23 Sec. 3. NEW SECTION. 239.3 Administration rules —
- 24 reporting.
- 25 1. The department of human services shall adopt rules
- 26 pursuant to chapter 17A to administer this chapter.
- 27 2. The department shall submit a report to the governor
- 28 and the general assembly by January 15, 2024, and by January
- 29 15 annually thereafter through January 15, 2025, detailing the
- 30 impact of the identity authentication measures taken under this
- 31 chapter.
- 32 Sec. 4. IMPLEMENTATION.
- 33 1. The department of human services shall request federal
- 34 approval including for any state plan amendment or waiver
- 35 necessary to administer this Act.

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- 1 2. The provisions of this Act requiring federal approval
- 2 shall be implemented upon receipt of such federal approval.
- 3 3. The provisions of this Act not requiring federal approval
- 4 shall be implemented no later than July 1, 2023.
- 5 4. The department may contract with multiple third-party 6 vendors to administer this Act.
- 7 EXPLANATION
- 8 The inclusion of this explanation does not constitute agreement with 9 the explanation's substance by the members of the general assembly.
- 10 This bill requires that prior to awarding public assistance
- 11 benefits to an applicant, the applicant shall complete a
- 12 computerized identity authentication process to confirm the
- 13 identity of the applicant through the use of a knowledge-based
- 14 questionnaire consisting of financial and personal questions
- 15 tailored to assist persons without a bank account or those who
- 16 have poor access to financial and banking services or who do
- 17 not have an established credit history. The questionnaire
- 18 may be submitted by the applicant online, in person, or via
- 19 telephone. The bill requires the department of human services
- 20 to adopt administrative rules to administer the bill and to
- 21 submit reports to assess the impact of the bill, and includes
- 22 implementation provisions.